Statement

The Details of World Heritage Monuments/Sites under the Control of Archaeological Survey of India which are Threatended by Encroachment Alongwith the Steps Taken by the Government to contain such Encroachment

S. No.	Name of Monument/ Site	Details of Encroachment	Steps Taken
1.	Pre-historic rock shelters Bhimbetka, Distt. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh	A natural rock-shelter is encroached within the protected site	Demolition order has been issued by the Archaeological Survey of India and District Collector, Raisen has been requested to implement the same. Encroacher has approached the district court for a decision; therefore, the matter is sub-judice.
2.	Hampi Group of Monuments, Hampi, (Karnataka)	Illegal encroachment is reported in the protected Bazaar in front of Virupaksha Temple at Hampi	Hampi World Heritage Area management Authority has been constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Bellary who is vested with the powers to administer and govern the World Heritage Area including removal of encroachments. The Ministry of Tourism, in association with the Government of Kamataka has taken up a programme to resettle the shopkeepers who have encroached in the protected Bazaar.

National Library for Ancient Scriptures

8. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Library for the Ancient Scriptures and Vedic Religion at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu in view of its importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

National Heritage Sites Commission

9. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to form a National Heritage Sites Commission to preserve the heritage sites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the mandate proposed to be given to the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture proposes to constitute a National Heritage Sites Commission.

As the present legal and institutional framework is not adequate to address the documentation, inventorisation and conservation of built heritage in its broadest outline, it is proposed to constitute a Heritage Sites Commission. The Commission would lay down broad policy guidelines and take steps to ensure that such guidelines are observed.

(c) The mandate of the proposed Heritage Sites Commission is being worked out. It is expected that the Commission would:

— tender advice to Govt. on heritage matters.

— frame guidelines in the matter of conservation of heritage monuments and sites.

— can study or cause to study in important matters regarding conservation of heritage and submit reports to the Government.

— suggest appropriate amendments to the existing heritage legislations.

Central Public Sector Undertakings

10. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: